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30 August 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Destruction of Aluminum Plates

1. Several days ago Mrs. Lipman from GSA called and inquired as to whether or not this Agency would be interested in participating in a Government-wide contract for the destruction of Agency plates at a local concern. Mrs. Lipman pointed out that such a contract was in the process of execution and would be valid on 1 September 1961. The contract was with Bladensburg Metals, Inc., located in Brentwood, Maryland.

2. Mrs. Lipman explained the procedures for having the plates melted pointing out that Agency facilities and trucks could haul the classified plates to the smelter and throw them in without any contract people handling the plates. The plates would be weighed at the smelter and paid for at the contract scheduled price to the Government of approximately 15 cents per pound of metal. Mrs. Lipman pointed out that it would not cost the Agency anything to participate in this contract and that the Agency would be paid for the metal smelted by the Bladensburg Metals Company.

3. After this discussion it was decided that the facilities should be inspected. On 30 August 1961 Mr. Rheese and I visited the facilities of the Bladensburg Metals, Inc. We talked to Mr. Blakeman, Sales Manager, and he conducted us through their entire establishment. He advised us that the Company had security clearances from the Navy in Baltimore and that they were anxious to assist in melting plates.

4. The facility is a large one having a melting capacity of approximately 1,000 pounds of aluminum per hour. Mr. Blakeman requested prior notification of two or three days if we should send metals to them. The melting pot is larger than any facility that I have looked at for melting aluminum plates. The melting pot can be reached very conveniently and without difficulty. The set up appears to be one that our Agency could well make use of. After inspecting the plant and getting a favorable review from [redacted] Security Staff, OL, we went to the GSA Office and obtained a copy of the GSA Aluminum Plate Contract and discussed the procedure for participating in this contract with Mrs. Lipman and Mr. Matthews. (See attached copy of contract.)


5. This contract appears to be a good solution to the problem of destroying our aluminum plates. The matter will be discussed with Supply Division and on final approval from

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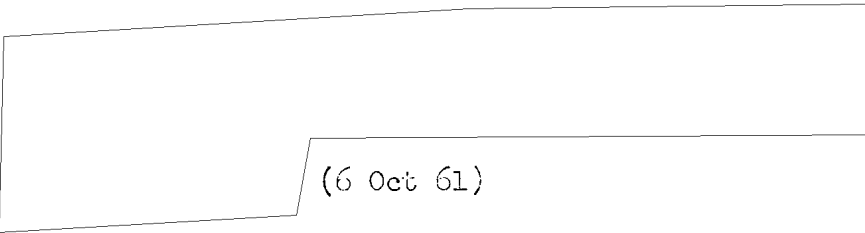
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 it is planned to utilize this facility for the destruction of our classified plates in the future.

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